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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Briefing Memo on Proposed DCID 1/6, Establishment of a Guided Missile Intelligence Committee (GMIC), IAC Meeting, 31 May 1955.

1. Subject paper was presented previously to IAC Representatives on 15 February 1955. No agreement was reached (Background information attached as TAB A). Objections of the JIC Representative are attached as TAB B.

2. Since the KLINT problem is now in hand, the DECI, DRI, and the AD's for RR, CI, RE, and RI feel the establishment of GMIC should be pressed for now, and this by direct consideration of the IAC members at the 31 May meeting. This problem could be sticky in view of previous feelings expressed by IAC Representatives, and the decision could be influenced considerably by your opening remarks.

3. Recommended points to be stressed include:

a. Guided missile intelligence must be considered national intelligence, because of both the current estimated threat and the critical adverse effect to our national security when the potential enemy develops an intercontinental ballistic missile (IBM).

b. No means of defense against an IBM has yet been developed. Therefore, knowledge of Soviet progress must be ascertained and made known to our national planners.

c. Many governmental activities additional to the Department of Defense are engaged in, or could be seriously affected by, developments in this field; specific examples include the non-Defense Department activities represented in the IAC, and, in addition, the FCDA.

d. NIE 11-6-54 and the Post Mortem thereon revealed serious gaps in our guided missile intelligence. The Post Mortem stated that the chief reasons for these gaps were inadequate priority of subject, inadequate effort, and inadequate coordination.

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e. Priority has been raised by DCID 4/4; the effort has been increased; and coordination must be centralized directly under the IAC so as to give us assurance that this problem is being completely covered and utilizing the full intelligence resources available to the intelligence community.

f. The Guided Missile Consultant Panel for HHS 11-6-54 strongly recommended that such a guided missile intelligence committee be established directly under the IAC.

4. Adverse comments may be presented along the lines noted by the JIC Representative at the IAC Representatives meeting of 18 February 1955. (See TAB B). Undoubtedly, the military members of IAC will have their arguments on NSCIC 3, DCID 3/4, and the existing JTIS structure. A counter to this is that under JCS regulations, civilian agencies cannot be assigned full membership on any JCS committee or working group. The CMIC must have broader authority and responsibility than any existing JTIS structure in order to do an adequate job.

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Attachments: 2
(Tabs A and B)

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